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Alabama

Birmingham, Ala. News
September 19, 1937

NEGRO FAIR AT ATHENS

ATHENS, Ala.—The Limestone County Negro Fair Association has been reorganized for the annual Negro fair which will take place the latter part of October, and Henry T. Redus is secretary and general manager. Ella McKissack was chosen president, and Maggie Watkins, treasurer.

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Florida

Tallahassee, Fla. Democrat
February 10, 1937

LEON DISPLAY AT FAIR SHOWN

Negro Agent Proud Of Local Success

John Wier, negro assistant under Leon County Farm Agent Grover C Hodge, is back from Tampa, proud of the winnings his department made at the Tampa fair.

Wier placed third among Florida counties with a general display of negro farmers' products and other agricultural and educational exhibits. He exhibited a photograph of the booth which won.

Wier had a pig, cured whole and made to appear life-like mounted with a bunch of peanuts in its mouth. The display showed turpentining, with trees and cups, rosin and gum, a quantity of boxes and crates, showing the wood working interests here, and a comprehensive display of native woods. These unique displays topped the whole, but most interesting and varied was the showing of vegetables, fruits, grains, hays, sugar cane, cotton, and other field crops.

The Tampa exhibit included 70 varieties of grasses and forage, nine varieties of hay, nine of sugarcane, five of syrup, 10 of peanuts, 18 of corn, 31 of grain and seeds, six of potatoes, seven of meats, pork, soap and tallow, and many other exhibits of products of the Leon county negroes' farms.

Tallahassee, Fla Democrat
November 8, 1937

WEST FLORIDA FAIR CLOSES FINEST SEASON

Officials Estimate Week's Total Attendance At Nearly 30,000

The West Florida exposition closed its gate Saturday after one of the most successful local fairs in history.

Manager Joe Rowan and Joe Frank, president of the fair association, estimated that attendance figures, when compiled, will total between 25,000 and 30,000—including passes and free guests of the fair.

Special Entertainment

Nearly all agricultural exhibits were moved from the grounds Saturday afternoon as Art Lewis shows, the carnival attraction, prepared to offer special entertainment and a fireworks display on the midway for the last night's crowds.

Livestock exhibits, which farming experts called the finest ever seen here, began to be cleaned out right after the purebred stock sale Friday.

County Agent K S McMullen, general supervisor of the fair's agricultural exhibits, said that he was pleased with the cooperation given by farmers.

Boys' Pig Club

"The state boys' pig club show drew the greatest number of entrants of any year since the old state fair at Jacksonville was abandoned several years ago. The quality of animals entered in the contest was as good or better than any ever held in the state," he said.

T F Atkinson, owner of a local market, was the principal buyer at the livestock sale. He gave market price for many barrow pigs which boys from all parts of the state entered in the contest.

Negro farmers also came in for praise from fair officials for their exhibits. Sixteen Leon county communities were represented with agricultural displays which included home canning, textile products, box-wood furniture, mattresses made from moss and thrift, and sewing exhibits.

Winners in the negro contests are: Canning: Green Howe community, first; Norris community, second; Bradfordville, third. Quilts: Bradfordville, first and second; Norris, third. Canning by 4-H club girls: Shepherd community, first; Tallahassee, second; Bellair, third. Winners in the 4-H club dressmaking contest were: Tallahassee, Norris, Bradfordville, Bellair, Shepherd and Green Howe. Centerville community won first prize in the poultry exhibits.

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Georgia.

No Colored Participation In 1937 Fair, Officials Inform

Colored citizens will not be allowed to participate in the Southeastern Fair at Lakewood Park this year, according to present plans, it was definitely revealed Wednesday.

In response to numerous inquiries, Mr. Meigs White, manager of the fair association, was contacted in the park office.

Poor interest at the last fair and dwindling interest through the years were two of the reasons attributed for the non-allotment of space and a special day this year.

"Last year, Colored people showed such poor support," the fair manager said, "that the decision was made not to include them in this year's program.

It was further stated that educational exhibits are going to be shown in a much smaller building this year than last year; that all available space has been taken including the basement, which has been alloted to 4-H Clubs,, women's farm exhibits, etc. (Last year Colored school exhibits were placed in the basement of the building and rain covered the ground floor in many instances, hampering activity.)

Mr. Meigs could give no encouragement to a possible one-day separate fair proposal as other fairs of the South have been programming, he said. It was stated, however, that as Colored people have been using other days, they may continue to do so this year. The fair manager said that he understood the carnival man in charge last year to state that there had been no trouble in the use of concessions by Colored throughout the life of the fair.

KNOWN TO SCHOOL HEAD

Assistant Superintendent Hunter of the City School system stated later that he had understood for sometime that no space was to be alloted Colored schools this year. He said that he was informed earlier in the year that the space was limited and that due to the "little interest," the group was not to be included in the program. He said, however, that he had always "been proud" of the exhibits coming from the Colored schools and that he had hoped to see them continue. No suggestions were offered as to a way to remedy the situation.

Columbus, Ga., News Record
October 21, 1937

NEGRO WORK WINS PRIZES AT THE FAIR

Large Exhibit in This Department and Many Prizes Are Awarded

There is a large exhibit of negro work at the Chattahoochee Valley Exposition. Mamie Matthers is superintendent of this department. The line of exhibits includes agricultural products, bread, candy, handicraft and needlework, and home canning.

Awards of prizes were made yesterday afternoon. They are as follows:

Best bushel prolific corn—First, 75 cents, Henry Hardaway; second, 50 cents, Homer Barker.

Best bushel large ear corn—First, 75 cents, Henry Johnson; second, 50 cents, Henry Hardaway.

Best 10 ears prolific corn—First, 75 cents, Albert Bryant; second, 50 cents, Charles Hardaway.

Best 10 ears large corn—First, 75 cents, Henry Johnson; second, 50 cents, Allie Mae Walton.

Best stalk of cotton—First, 75 cents, Homer Barker; second, 50 cents, J. J. Barker.

Best 6 stalks of ribbon cane—First, 75 cents, Allie Mae Walton; second, 50 cents, Bill Eason.

Best 6 stalks of sorghum cane—First, 75 cents, Charles Grier; second, 50 cents, Bill Eason.

Best sheaf of oats—First, 75 cents, Henry Hardaway.

Best sheaf of rye—First, 75 cents, Lois Waldon.

Best peck of Brabham—First, 75 cents, Henry Johnson; second, 50 cents, Zan Johnson.

Best bunch of peanuts—First, 75 cents, Mamie Matthews; second, 50 cents, Henry Hardaway.

Best bunch of velvet beans—First, 75 cents, Henry Hardaway; second, 50 cents, Henry Johnson.

Best quart of cane syrup—First, 75 cents, Eddie Lee Jenkins; second, 50 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins.

Best quart of sorghum syrup—First, 75 cents, Johnson Williams; second, 50 cents, M. O. Blanton.

Best peck Porto Rico potatoes—First, 75 cents, Homer Barker; second, 50 cents, Henry Johnson.

Best pumpkin—First, 75 cents, Laura Pitts; second, 50 cents, Ella Foster.

Best head of cabbage—First, 75 cents, Ophelia Hardaway; second 50 cents, Laura Pitts.

Best half dozen turnips—J. J. Barker; second, 50 cents, Minnie Eason.

Best stalk of collards—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Bill Eason.

Best Cashaw—First, 75 cents, J. J. Barker; second, 50 cents, Laura Ruff.

Best display of tomatoes—First, 75 cents, J. J. Barker; second, 50 cents, J. M. Johnson.

Best display of home-raised vegetables—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Bill Eason.

Best display of corn by club members—First, 75 cents, William Jenkins; second, 50 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins.

Best home-cured ham—First, 75 cents, Mattie Threatt.

Best dozen brown eggs—First, 75 cents, J. M. Johnson; second, 50 cents, Mary L. Carter.

Best dozen white eggs—First, 75 cents, Mary L. Carter.

Best quart onions—First, 75 cents, Ophelia Hardaway; second, 50 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins.

Best half dozen apples—First, 75 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins; second, 50 cents, J. J. Barker.

Best plate pomegranates—First, 75 cents, Mamie Prather.

Best pound butter—First, 75 cents, M. O. Blanton; second, 50 cents, J. M. Johnson.

Bread

Best loaf plain yeast bread—First, 75 cents, J. M. Johnson; second, 50 cents, Mary Lou Bryant.

Best half dozen rolls—First, 75 cents, Lula Clayton; second, 50 cents, Emma McLin.

Best dozen beaten biscuits—First, 75 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins; second, 50 cents, Arie Mullins.

Best dozen tea cakes—First, 75 cents, Mabel Kimbrough; second, 50 cents, Lema Westfield.

Best half dozen muffins—First, 75 cents, Lena Westfield; second, 50 cents, Woodie Dozier.

Best layer cake—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Allie Mae Walton.

Best plain cake—First, 75 cents, Eva Kimbrough; second, 50 cents, Arie Mullins.

Best exhibit 6 biscuits—First, 75 cents, Woodie Dozier; second, 50 cents, Mary Lou Bryant.

Candy

Best pound pull candy—First, 75 cents, Arie Mullins; second, 50 cents Mamie Matthews.

Best pound fudge candy—First, 75 cents, Mamie Potts; second, 50 cents, Mary L. Carter.

Handicraft and Needlework

Best embroidered bedspread—First, 75 cents, Mimmie E. Robinson; second, 50 cents, Laura Ruff.

Best bed quilt—First, 75 cents, Lucy Miller; second, 50 cents, Julia Black.

Best crocheted bedspread—First, 75 cents, Laura Pitts; second, 50 cents, Hazel Peddy.

Best homemade bed set (sheet and pillow cases)—First, 75 cents, Minnie Lightfoot.

Best pair pillow cases—First, 75 cents, Clara Simmons; second, 50 cents, Lula Clayton.

Best tablecloth and 6 napkins—First, 75 cents, Laura Pitts; second, 50 cents, Julia Black.

Best kitchen curtains—First, 75 cents, Willie Mae Belt; second, 50 cents, Laura Pitts.

Best couple plain dish towels—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Marie Pitts.

Best hand towels (hand-made)—First, 75 cents, Willie Mae Belt; second, 50 cents, Ada Marsh.

Best rag rug—First, 75 cents, Willie Hickson; second, 50 cents, Laura Ruff.

Best laundry bag—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Charlotte Hammonds.

Best hand-made night gown—First 75 cents, Mary Hill; second, 50 cents, Laura Pitts.

Best woman's home-made house dress—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Ozella Hardaway.

Best woman's home-made street dress—First, 75 cents, Marie Pitts; second, 50 cents, Minnie Eason.

Best kitchen apron—First, 75 cents, Willie Mae Belt; second, 50 cents, Minnie Pearl Benton.

Best man's work shirt—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Ozella Hardaway.

Best knitted child's sweater—First, 75 cents, Willie Mae Belk; second, 50 cents, Mary Hill.

Best crocheted child's sweater—First, 75 cents, Gaynell DuVaul; second, 50 cents, Willie May Belk.

Best baby dress—First, 75 cents, Laura Pitts; second, 50 cents, Julia Black.

Best baby cap—First, 75 cents, Julia Black; second, 50 cents, Laura Pitts.

Best suit for small boy—First, 75 cents, Mamie Prather; second, 50 cents, Mabel Kimbrough.

Best undersuit for boy—First, 75 cents, Minnie Eason; second, 50 cents, Mamie Prather.

Best school dress for girl—First, 75 cents, Julia DeNeal; second, 50 cents, Mabel Kimbrough.

Best handmade handkerchief (3)—First, 75 cents, Willie Mae Belk; second, 50 cents, Emma L. Peddy.

Best exhibit of girl's culb work—First, $1.00, Minnie Lightfoot; second, 75 cents, Susie Lee Jenkins.

Best shuck basket—Second, 50 cents, Minnie Lightfoot.

Best white oak basket—First, 75 cents, J. J. Barker; second, 50 cents, Homer Barker.

Best shuck foot-hat—First, 75 cents, Ophelia Hardaway; second, 50 cents, S. A. Lewis.

Best white oak bottom chair—First, 75 cents, J. J. Barker; second, 50 cents, Homer Barker.

Best hammer handle—First, 75 cents, Bill Eason; second, 50 cents, Brooks Belt.

Best axe handle—First, 75 cents, Bill Eason; second, 50 cents, Ophelia Hardaway.

Best home-made washboard—Second, 50 cents, Minnie Lightfoot.

Best rolling pin—First, 75 cents, Bill Eason; second, 50 cents, Minnie Eason.

Home Canning

Best quart canned tomatoes—First, 75 cents, S. A. Lewis; second, 50 cents, J. M. Johnson.

Best quart canned beans—First, 75 cents. Stella Cook; second. 50 cents, J. M. Jonmson.

Best quart canned soup mixture—First, 75 cents, Stella Cook; second, 50 cents, S. A. Lewis

Macon, Ga., News
October 22, 1937

FAIRS AND FARMS

All through Georgia, county fairs are being held, not to see who can show the biggest ear of corn and the heaviest pig, but rather to learn who has solved the problem of "living at home and boarding at the same place." This is a slogan advertised on some of the displays.

At Eastman in Dodge county, Otis Thomas, county agent for the Negro farmers, has worked out a scheme for impressing farmers with the importance of first making a living. He undertakes to teach them that if they try to farm merely to make money there will be many years when they will fail completely, and will have neither money nor a living; but if they will make it their principal business to provide a living first they will be sure to get both a living and some money. He has worked out a definite schedule showing what must be produced to provide for a family of five people, and to feed two mules, two cows, and some hogs, and chickens. On a board he has displayed two hams, two shoulders, and a side of meat, from a 250-pound hog. "I stand ready to prove with figures," he says, "that this hog is worth more than that 500-pound bale of cotton."

One of Georgia's most outstanding farmers in his day was J. Pope Brown of Pulaski county. He gave much time and thought to the upbuilding of agricultural interests, and made many speeches at meetings of farmers. He often told them he had never yet known the sheriff to levy a debt-collecting process against a farmer who had sense enough to keep his smokehouse supplied with home-grown meat.

The pig has been called the mortgage lifter. It is said he can turn elements of nutrition into meat more rapidly than any other farm animal. Even when nobody thought of getting him ready for market within less than two or three years he was supposed to be profitable. At the county fairs all through Georgia today six and eight-months old pigs weighing 200 and 250 pounds each are being displayed by farmers and by 4-H club members, and baby beef is developed to 600 pounds or more within six or eight months.

Citron growing in Dodge county is designed to improve winter feeding. Austrian peas are revolutionizing the fertilizing problems. Poultry raising is attracting attention as never before in the history of the country, and here and there all through the state of Georgia are signs of diversified agriculture and improved living conditions. Some of the farmers are living at home and "boarding at the same place." It will be a great day for the state when all of them learn how.

NEGROES DEVELOPING AS FARMERS

The exhibits at the different county fairs show that Negroes are rapidly improving their standards of living, and are developing in agriculture. At the Eastman fair the Negroes displayed practically everything that could be seen in the exhibits of the white farmers and they made an especially fine showing with their canning and preserving. They have a county agent and a home demonstration agent, E. C. Thomas and Pauline Riggs. Their motto as shown in their booths reads, "Live at home and board at the same place." The agents are trying to teach negro farmers that successful farming can no longer be done on the single-crop system. A placard posted near the display gave the following requirments for a family of five, and these must be provided before any effort is made to produce cash crops, two mules and two cows are to be fed and their feed must be grown and supplied on the farm. Corn, five hundred and twenty-seven bushels; hay, eight tons; meat and lard, six hundred pounds; milk, three hundred and sixty-nine gallons; butter, sixty pounds; eggs, a hundred and fifty dozen; poultry, two hundred and eight pounds; syrup, twenty gallons; sweet potatoes, forty bushels; garden, fourth of an acre; oats, four acres. Austrain peas are recommended as a fertilizer.

Ben Gordon, president of the canning club for the Zion Hill district, attended the fair and used his influence to encourage canning and preserving.

When Booker Washington went to Tuskegee he found his greatest problem in the Black Belt was to make his people desire the higher standards of living. He said that no matter how much money a family had it cared nothing about varieties of food or the condition of the house in which it lived. A rock for a doorstep often rendered satisfactory service to a family owning several thousand dollars in cash; so he undertook to teach the advantage of glass windows, doorsteps, front porches, wire screen, etc.

The county fairs in Georgia are demonstrating that the Negroes of this state are taking an interest in better living conditions. The reports from school superintendents and county officials indicate a high standard of citizenship among the Negroes in many communities. And they are rapidly winning the respect and confindence of the white people.

Milledgeville, Ga., Times
October 22, 1937

FAIR OFFICIALS PRAISE NEGRO EXHIBITS HERE

Colored Citizens Jam Grounds During Special Day, Fireworks Tonight

Yesterday was Negro Day at the Middle Georgia fair and hundreds of colored school children and their parents jammed the fair grounds.

exhibits, especially those of 4-H

Fair officials said the Negro clubs of the various schools, "were particularly outstanding this year and that too much praise could not be given to the exhibitors."

BROWN IN CHARGE

C. O. Brown, Negro farm club worker, was in charge of the Negro exhibits. He said an official list of the prize winners would be issued later, and that only incomplete lists could be obtained from official records yesterday.

Prizes and awards will be given Saturday.

Today will mark the climax of the fair, which has surpassed all previous records this year, both for attendance records and for quality and number of exhibits.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

A firework display tonight, which will dwarf all previous pyrotechnic displays year by comparison, has been arranged, it was said.

Concession stands and midway shows and rides, reported a "land office business" yesterday.

Prize winners in white departments not announced yesterday by the Times, follow:

ROSES, Mrs. Bill Adams.

SNAP DRAGON. Mrs. E. A. Torrence.

VASE MIXED FLOWERS, Mrs. E. A. Torrance.

TEXTILE

Inlaid checkerboard, John Moore, first.

Magazine Rack, Albert Humphrey.

Baby Bed, Nonnie Simmons.

BED ROOM SETS

Bed room set in color, Mrs. E. V. Jordan.

Pillow Cases, Miss Jewel Harwell, first, Mrs. J. H. Paschal second.

Vanity set, Miss Jewel Harwell first, Mrs. J. T. Ray second.

QUILT AND BED SPREAD

Silk quilt, Mrs. J. B. Stiles first, Mrs. Georgia Robinson second.

Cotton quilt, Mrs. J. W. Marsh first, Mrs. A. S. Brown second.

Applique bed spread, Mrs. M. A. Tarpley.

Tufted bed spread, Mrs. J. G. Andrews.

Most original article made from sacks, Mrs. Frank Broome first, Mrs. Ray Underwood second.

Tailored dress made from sacks, Mrs. Jordan Prosser first and second.

MISCELLANEOUS

Embroidered bridge set, Mrs. A. H. Paschall.

Pillow, quilted, Mrs. J. G. Andrews.

Pillow, porch, Mrs. Alton Lewis first, Mrs. Woodrow Lewis second.

Towel embroidered, Miss Magnolia Simmons.

LINENS

Luncheon set, Mrs. W. R. Stiles first, Mrs. Ray Underwood second.

Luncheon set, white, Mrs. A. H. Paschali.

Luncheon set, crochet, Mrs. A. I. Butts first, Mrs. A. H. Paschall second.

Center piece, Mrs. W. D. Stanley first, Mrs. J. D. Ray second.

Dresser scarf, Mrs. Jewel Fountain first an dsecond.

RUGS

Crochet rug, Miss Alice McCraw.

Hooked rug, Mrs. H. S. Butler.

CLOTHING

Man's shirt, Mrs. J. R. Smith first, Mrs. E. A. Torrance second.

Woman's house dress, Mrs. Jordan Prosser first, Mrs. E. A. Torrance.

Girl's school dress, Miss Edythe Matthews.

Dress, crochet, Mrs. J. B. Cox Jr., first Mrs. Melvin Wyatt second.

Babies layette, Mrs. George Baisden.

Babies' lingerie cap, Mrs. J. B Stiles, Babies silk cap, Mrs. J. B. Stiles.

Wool chochet coat, Miss Virginia McCraw.

Child's dress, Mrs. W. F. Mosteller first, Mrs. J. M. Salter second.

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Louisiana

Thibodaux, La., Journal
September 25, 1937

Progress Made by Negro of South Louisiana is Depicted

An annual exhibition at the South Louisiana State Fair that deserves special commendation is that of the Colored department and the 1937 show will be no exception, officials said. This department depicts the progress being made by the Negro of South Louisiana in agriculture, in the school room, the home and club work.

For the past several years this department has shown the agricultural diversification the negro is making in the rural areas. Other feature exhibits of this department include, culinary, textiles, 4-H Club work, and floral exhibits.

In the agricultural division visitors can view fine sheaves of rice and oats, bundles of hay of different varieties, bundles of sorghum, and peanuts, potatoes of all varieties, pecans, turnips, golden pumpkins, ham, bacon, lard, syrup, cotton, corn, and numerous other products of the farm.

One can also see dresses and suits made from old garments, and aprons made of flour and sugar sacks, which depict a story of thrift. Miscellaneous items include chair bottoms, fans, baskets, and picture frames made of corn shucks, and specimens of crochet and fine needle work.

In the culinary division there are half-pounds of chocolate fudge with nuts, glasses of peanut butter, crab apple jelly, figs, watermelon preserves and scores of other good things to eat.

This department annually receives many dollars in monetary awards. Besides individual awards the fair offers awards for the best parish agricultural booths, 4-H Club work and schools.

Mrs. B. R. Brittian, Donaldsonville, is superintendent of this department.

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Mississippi.

Brandon, Miss. News
September 16, 1937

Plan Negro Fair At Piney Woods

J. D. Hardy, Agriculturist, Announces Date of Annual Fair On October 13-15. Winning Exhibits to Go to Negro State Fair.

For the fourteenth time the Smith-Hughes Department of Piney Woods School will sponsor their annual fair, which will be held this year October 13-15 at Piney Woods school. The first meeting of the board of directors was held last Friday eevning to map plans for the event.

Due to the fact that the colored people do not exhibit at the State Fair for white people, the fair at Piney Woods is held during the week of the State Fair so that the best of the exhibits can be taken to the Negro State Fair at Jackson the following week. It was unanimously decided that the outstanding exhibits would be transferred to Jackson to compete with exhibits from other counties of the state.

County extension workers are expected to cooperate in the undertaking. Robert Lee, negro county agent, has assured the body that he will cooperate 100 percent, as in years past.

The leading merchants and business men in the trade territory will be asked to lend their aid in the promotion of the venture. They have always cooperated wholeheartedly, according to J. D. Hardy, agriculturist at Piney Woods.

All colored folk in the county are invited to attend the fair and enter exhibits. Substantial prizes will be awarded the winning entries in the various departments.

Jackson, Miss., News
October 21, 1937

Crowds Gather For Negro Fair Here

The Mississippi Negro State Fair which opened its twelfth session on Monday, has four counties represented in special exhibits, food preservation contests, educational and entertainment features.

The first two days have brought out splendid crowds, according to fair officials. The carnival and daily lectures and flights by Colonel Robinson, negro aviator, are the most popular.

The Hinds county 4-H club work in food and feed is shown in an exhibit, with demonstration charts showing ample and scant supplies.

Madison county's exhibit shows how to live at home on a forty-acre farm. Coahoma's gives the "key to prosperity." Jefferson Davis features comfortable homes and a profitable living. Leake county's NFA chapter arranged the county exhibit.

The Deaf and Dumb Institute has entered an art and fancy work show, while the Sallie Reynolds school shows airplane models. Other schools represented include Smith-Robertson and Jim Hill Junior High.

Clubs entering exhibits are. hTe Art Appreciation, Century Progressive of Jackson; Century Progressive of Utica Institute and the Hopewell Art Club.

The Game and Fish Commission has a demonstration of its laws at the Negro Fair.

Jackson, Miss., News
October 21, 1937

NEGRO FAIR AWARDS MADE

The Madison county exhibit delineating "living at home on a 40-acre farm" won first place at the negro state fair in Jackson today. Hinds county, which featured food and feed production as essential to successful farming, placed second; Coahoma county, which portrayed living at home as the key to prosperity was third, and Jeff Davis was fourth.

Two large charts in the background of the Madison county exhibit listed the kind and amount of food needed to feed one person for one year. It also listed the acreage to grow in different food and feed crops to maintain and improve soil fertility ,feed the family and the livestock on the farm, and provide cash crops.

The exhibit revealed that on a well planned 40-acre farm, the farmer should have seven and one-half acres in cotton, three acres in oats inter-planted to lespedeza, seven acres of corn interplanted to soybeans, three acres of soybeans planted alone for hay, three acres of temporary hog pasture, one acre year round garden, one-half acre home orchard, two acres home site and five acres of woodland.

The exhibit contained a model farm layout which showed the location of each field, and acreage of each crop on the farm. The display showed fine exhibits of fresh vegetables, fruits, preserved food products, milk and butter, ham and bacon, sweet and Irish potatoes. corn, cotton and oats.

The exhibit was placed by R. M. Mackey and Flora Parish, negro county extension agents.

The Hinds county exhibit contrasted the value of ample food and feed production with scant food and feed production and showed that production of the family living on the farm was worth $465 per year. The exhibit was installed by S. L. Allen and Medora Reed, negro county agents.

Mrs. Emma Lindsey, district agent, and F. J. Hurst, extension editor, who judged the exhibits, said the exhibits were of splendid quality and carried high educational value. The negroes deserve credit for the excellent showing made.

Coffeeville, Miss., Courier
October 8, 1937

Negroes Plan Fair Here October 22-23rd

Dear Coworkers and Friends:—

We take this way to inform you that in a business meeting held in our oflce tht 3rd Saturday we decided to hold our aniual agricultural and home economics exhibit as mentioned above. Since this is an annual affair we hope you will spend a little time and look us over and measure our success whether we have improved or not over previous years under present conditions and handicaps.

There are various reasons for this exhibit:

(1). To measure our success from year to year.

(2). Present facts that education through result demonstration might grip the imagination of others and they might adopt our practice in the homes and surroundings, etc.

(3 . Call attention to the many things that our groups are doing to improve living conditions on the farm homes as well as helping with ample food supply, etc. And there isn't any better way to bring our activities before the public than to put on an exhibit.

We have not made out our list showing just what we will offer, premiums, nor what we will offer. This will be done later.

You are invited to be with us and help make this a worthwhile affair for everyone. We are asking your cooperation.

Remember this is a couity affair and not for just a few communities. Come one and all.

Yours for success,
Rosa G. Love, HDA.

Indianola, Miss. Enterprise
October 14, 1937

NEGRO COMMUNITY FAIR

The Negroes of Sunflower County should be very highly commended for the excellent quality variety and arrangement, as well as quantity of the exhibits which were on display last week, Occtober 6 through 9, in connection with the Greater Exposition Shows. David Capshaw, Negro county agent, Philamena Richardson, Negro home demonstration agent, and Lillian Rogers, Jeanes Supervisor, were assisted by the Negro vocational agriculture and home economics teachers of the county in arranging the displays. They had widely advertised the fair and sent out premium lists early so that everyone would have an opportunity to send exhibits. These were listed under the following headings; Community Exhibits, School 7xhibits; Crop Club Department Exhibits including cotton, potato, orchard clubs; Livestock Department Exhibits, including pig and poultry clubs, and miscellaneous farm displays; Girls' 4-H Club work including canning, food work, and clothing; and Women's work, including canning, preserving, cooking, needle craft and clothing.

The shop work which is directed by the Negro teachers of vocational agriculture was especially good, there being on display some desks, bookcases, chicken brooders, iron work and other articles which were made under their direction. Judging from the amount of canned food on the shelves of the fair booth, many of the colored citizens of the county will live well this winter.

Prizes amounting to two hundred fifty dollars were given away.

The Legion appreciates the fine cooperation of the Negroes who took part in the Community Fair.

Negro Fair To Open

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., Oct. 22.—The Attala County negro fair will have its annual exhibition Oct. 25-30. There will be two big days. Thursday will be set aside as business and fraternal day. The Piney Woods Girls' Band will be the big attraction for that day. Friday is set aside as school day.

Mississippi State Fair Featured By Gala Parade

JACKSON, Miss.— (ANP) — A colorful parade, led by two gaily-attired marshals on horseback and including two bands, was Wednesday's feature of the Mississippi Negro State Fair, the big procession moving down Capitol street through dense crowds banked on each side of the street.

Negro organizations and businesses had especially decorated floats and cars, and there were girls dressed in vari-colored costumes, shining private automobiles, limousine hearses, World War veterans, Jackson Boy Scout Troop and Fair officials in the line of march. Lawrence Day, beauty parlor owner, won first prize for the most beautiful float.

Jackson, Miss., News
October 26, 1937

ATTALA NEGRO FAIR SLATED OCT. 25-30

KOSCIUSKO — (Special) —The Attala County Negro Fair is holding its 4th annual exhibition this week. There will be two big days at the fair. Thursday, October 28, will be set aside as Negro Business and Fraternal Day. The Piney Woods Girls' band will be the big attraction for that day. On Friday, October 29, is set aside as school day, the big school parade will be the attraction for that day.

Macon, Miss. Beacon
October 29, 1937

Splendid Community Exhibits Feature of Colored Fair

Notwithstanding heavy rains, followed by disagreeably cold weaher, the Noxubee County Colored Fair opened its fifteenth annual season in what might be fittingly termed "A Blaze of Glory."

Previous to the opening the exhibit halls presented a bee-hive of industry with the sound of saw and hammer making ready the various booths and display stands.

Tuesday being the official opening day as well as school children's day was announced by the usual street parade which feature was led by Prof. Lee's excellent brass band and was the cynosure of all eyes.

Immediately upon arrival of the parade the doors of the huge agricultural buildings were thrown open for the inspection of the public and presented a delightful scene which met the approval of all who were fortunate enough to view it.

It is gratifying to state that every booth in the building was occupied with agricultural and industrial displays of every conceivable nature.

An interesting exhibit is that of the Girls' 4-H Club work wherein is shown various specimens of fancy needle work, rugs, preserves and pastries.

Adjoining is a general booth with a placard reading "Fossibilities of the Corn Shucks." In this booth is shown a large variety of hats, mats, chairs and dolls artistically made from the humble corn shucks.

No less interesting is the booth of the Pilgrim Rest Club, displaying a varied assortment of household articles of every conceivable kind.

Toliver Chapel Club comes next with an excellent display of agricultural and home products.

The Mashulaville Club presented a nice variety of agricultural and garden produce.

A most delightful scene is that presented by the Harrison Grove Home Maker's Club showing a large display of household and garden articles.

Adjoining this is the New Hope Club, presenting an excellent display of preserves, vegetables and pastures.

Paulette-Belmont occupied its usual booth and while not as varied assortment as usual presented a pleasing display a feature of which was the large "Home of Plenty" filled with all kinds of farm produce.

Next is the pleasingly arranged booth of the Shuqualak Club portraying the beauties and comforts of home.

A particularly attractive display is that of "Old Running Water" presenting a large display of vegetables, farm produce and preserves. A pleasing feature of this booth is its artisthe decoration of ears of corn.

The Macon Club presented a very pleasing display of home economics delightfully and artistically arranged.

Bardwell and Ballard offered a large and varied display of farm and garden products which is in keeping with their slogan "Live at Home."

A most unique and artistically decorated booth is that of Drake Hill a feature of which is shown a large home grown ham surrounded with decorations of peppers and corn.

The Dantzler Club presented a very attractive display of farm, garden and home economics produce as well as an excellent display of fancy needle work.

The poultry display surpassed all previous years showing some of the standard breed, bared rocks, Rhode Island Reds, black minorca, white leghorn, white rocks, white wyondottes, games, brown leghorn, hen and biddies, turkeys, geese, ducks.

The men and boys have shown interest in the making of the fair and one 8-year old mare with her four mule colts attracted a great deal of attention other mules, horses, cows and pigs were on exhibit.

The community entertainments received commendation from the crowds who gathered nightly to see the exhibits and enjoy the midway.

The women's work upstairs showed a display of hand work, including quilt pieced or applique, food preservation, culinary, thrift, in the various articles made from sacks, home beautification once a little thought of project has become a specialty with women and girls who are showing a variety of pot plants and cut flowers from the Princess Feather to very beautiful roses, dahlias and Mexican sun-flowers.

The Fair has enjoyed very good patronage and the management wishes to extend thanks to each and all for their cooperation in making it a success.

Fayette, Miss. Chronicle
October 29, 1937

The Jefferson County Negro Fair is in progress today and tomorrow (Friday and Saturday). The colored citizens are showing their varied products in a creditable display. The Negro Fair is being held on the same location as that used by the White Fair, which closed Thursday evening.

Pascagoula, Miss. Star
November 19, 1937

Prize Winners At Negro Fair Held Nov. 5-6

The following prizes were awarded winners in the East Side of Jackson County Negro Fair, which was held in the Home Demonstration Club room on Jackson street, Pascagoula, under the direction of Annie Wimbs, colored home demonstration agent, on Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th:

Sewing and Fancy Work—Dress for women, Katie Mae Brooks; Crochet dress, Afar Wells; Crochet doilies, Viola Hyde; Center piece, Eliza Hedge; Display of cotton goods, Olivia Farmer; Quilt, Anna Moseley, first, Susie Grannan, second; Crochet Rug, Clara Robinson; Braided rug, Olivia Wells; sack bed spread, Edna Sheffield; Remodelled dress, Florence Williams.

Food—Lemon pie, Rosa Robinson; Plain cake, Mary Hanshaw; Layer cake, Amanda Durden; Cornmeal Muffins, Florence Williams; Biscuits, Thelma Robinson; Divinity fudge, Juanita Patton.

Canned Products and Vegetables —Best display canned products, Susie Grannam, first, Elida Martin, second; Watermelon rind preserves, Minnie Watson; Three quarts tomatoes, Josephine Mitchell; Display of jelly, Idell James; Three pints corn, Edna Wells; Display of vegetables, Carrie Johnson; Pumpkin, Emma Brazley, first, Alex Ladnier, second; Sugar cane, Gabe Walker, Jr.

Flowers—Basket, Cecelia Joseph; Fern, Carrie Johnson; Pot Plant, Carrie Johnson; Roses, Lois James; Dahlia, Carrie Johnson.

4-H Club Work—Scarf, Armetha Williams; Vanity set, Florence Bardwell; Apron, Generetta James; Child's dress, Generetta James; Luncheon set, Armetha Williams; Cotton dress, Velma Ladnier; School dress, Velma Ladnier; Peanut candy, Yvonne Martin; Chocolate candy, Emma Harvey; Cornmeal muffins, Emma Harvey; Cake, Marguerite James; Breakfast poster, Vivian Marion; Dinner poster, Ella Washington;; Pot plant, P. Brown; Variety canned products, Florence Bardwell.

Posters — Escatawpa, Harietta Hands; Pascagoula, Naomi Durden; Moss Point, Lemmie Howard.

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New York.

GROVER WHALEN PROMISES SQUARE DEAL TO NEGROES AT WORLD'S FAIR IN 1939

Speaking before a large audience of members and friends of the New York Urban League, at the annual public mass meeting of that organization, which was held in Mother A. M. E. Zion Church last Sunday afternoon, Grover A. Whalen, former Police Commissioner and president of the 1939 World's Fair, pledged that there would be no discrimination at the fair because of race or color. He also promised that New York Negroes would be given representation on the fair board and whatever accomplishments of the race were deemed unusual would be placed on exhibit.

Mr. Whalen gave some idea of the of the project, when he said that 150,000 persons would be employed in erecting the fair buildings during the next two years and that 50,000 people would get employment with the fair during the year it would be open to the public. He said that pledges from 28 of the leading nations of the world had been secured that they would cooperate and exhibit their latest achievements in the arts and sciences at the fair, and that the exhibit of the "world of tomorrow," would be the most stupendous exhibition of science ever before given.

Mrs. Bethune Speaks

Mr. Whalen was the last speaker on a program that featured Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president Daytona-Cookman Junior College and Negro advisor to the National Youth Administration. Mrs. Bethune after an eloquent plea for cooperation within the race, urged her hearers to have confidence in themselves and their race and to "push at the doors of opportunity and against racial barriers until they give way and all Americans will have the same chance

She addressed Mr. Whalen directly, toward the close of her address and told him "the Negroes had grown tired of getting the feet and neck of the chicken of opportunity in this country and wanted some of the choice meat now." She also praised the work of the Urban League in its fight over a long period of years for economic opportunity for the Negro. The speaker also expressed the opinion that President Franklin D. Roosevelt would go down in history as the greatest president this country ever had, and gave fulsome praise to his humanitarian efforts in behalf of the youth of the country.

Mrs. Bethune was presented to the audience by Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League and advisor on Negro affairs to the Department of Commerce.

Miss Charlotte Carr, executive head of the Emergency Relief Bureau, who was also scheduled to speak, was prevented from doing so because of illness. She was represented by the Rev. John H. Johnson of St. Martin's P. E. Church and Harlem representative of the Emergency Relief Bureau. The Rev. Mr. Johnson assured the audience that both Miss Carr and Mayor LaGuardia were trying to deal fairly with Harlem in the matter of relief, and cited the fact that 10 percent of the ERB staff was composed of Negroes.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Sims, pastor of Union Baptist Church, made the appeal for funds and urged the public to support the membership drive which the New York Urban League would open next month.

A resolution was read and adopted deploring the passing of Judge Frederic Kernochan, who at the time of his death was president of the Board of Directors of the New York Urban League. A tribute to his memory was also paid the late jurist by James H. Hubert, executive secretary of the New York Urban League, in his preliminary remarks at the opening of the meeting. Mr. Hubert said it was Judge Kernochan's request that Elmer A. Carter, editor of Opportunity Magazine preside at this meeting. Mr. Carter took over the gavel and performed this office with dignity and restraint.

The musical part of the program was contributed by the Negro Art Singers who sang several songs.

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New York. (1939 World's Fair.)

W. G. Alexander Named On World Fair Committee

NEW YORK, July 15—Announcement has been made by the office of the president of the New York World's Fair through Dr. Louis I. Dublin, that Dr. W. G. Alexander, of Orange, N. J., has been appointed a member of the advisory committee on medicine and public health of the World's Fair which will be held in New York City in 1939.

Six Professional Workers To Get World's Fair Job

Jobs for six Negro professional and white collar workers were assured this week by Earle Andrews, general manager of the New York World's Fair, following conferences with representatives for the National Technical Association and the New York Urban League.

The conference was called following charges that the World's Fair management was practising race discrimination in the hiring of aides.

Among those who were promised employment are William H. Dammond, structural engineer at a salary of $91 a week, and Alexander Seymour, architectural draftsman at $60 a week.

DR. HUGGINS GETS WORLD'S FAIR POST

Will Assist In Writing Pageant of American Progress—To Tell of "Black Man In American History."

NEW YORK, July 29—When the great World's Fair opens in New York in 1939, a momentous cavalcade will depict the epochal history of America. Running through the pattern of this majestic story will be the threads of the life of the black race and its contributions to American life.

The Black Man In American History

The story of the black race in America will begin with Estavanico, or Stephan Dorantes, who, in 1524, opened the famed "Seven Cities of Cibola," which area is known today as the American Southwest.

The general patriotic committee for the portrayal of the general story of American progress, is under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, New York. Dr. Willis N. Huggins, well known author, historian and teacher of history and economics in the New York High Schools, has been selected to assist this committee, according to statements made by Lawrence Craner, executive secretary.

In interviews with Mr. Craner, Dr. Huggins has been given the general scope of the work along the lines of pioneering, early labor force, Revolutionary War, opening up of the Northwest Territory, nationhood in 1789, and later territorial expansion. In all these phases the black race will be given full credit for its contributions. Likewise in the fields of science, industry, invention, religion, military affairs, statesmanship, education, music, literature and art.

Dr. Huggins suggests that all persons who may have data that may be used to advantage, to send it in to 1890 Seventh avenue, New York.

Dr. Huggins was presented to the World's Fair Committee by a committee headed by Dr. J. W. Thornton and Mr. J. J. Allen.

World's Fair Officer Gets Protest Against Race Discrimination

Following a conference between representatives of the Nationl Technical Association, the New York Urban League and the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, a C. I. O. Affiliate, with Earle Andrews, general manager of the World's Fair Corporation, Mr. Andrews has agreed to personally go over a list of Negro engineers, architects, etc., eligible for employment at the Fair. The conference was held after complaints by Negro professional technicians had reached the attention of the three organizations.

James Hubert, of the New York Urban League, revealed that he had made several attempts to bring these charges of Negro discrimination to the attention of the Fair officers. He said that Mr. McKrell and Mrs. Fickett of the Fair Corporation's Personnel Department had evaded all his efforts. Mrs. Fickett, said Mr. Hubert, had been downright rude in her contact with the Urban League, and had told Mr. Hubert that the presence of Negro porters at the Fair Offices must be regarded as proof that no discrimination was being practiced in the employment of Negro technical people.

A conference between Mr. Hubert and Ignatius W. Lawlor, chairman of a committee set up by the Federation and the Association, to investigate the charges against Fair, disclosed a similarly offensive attitude by Mr McKrell and Mrs. Fickett, towards the two technical organizations. As a result of this conference, strong demands for an appointment, were made upon the Fair Management, and resulted in Mr. Andrews agreeing to employ Negro technical people.

Mr. Lawlor declared that his committee would not consider its duties discharged until the Worlds' Fair Corporation had agreed to employ all types of Negro personnel.

"More than two million Negroes," e continued "are expected to attend the Fair. Bonds are being sold in Harlem. Furthermore, the Fair has the name of a Corporation, but its backing stems from the people of the City of New York, and I am sure that these citizens will not tolerate any continuance of this policy of discrimination. We expect the Fair Management to employ Negro technicians to the extent of eight per cent of their technical personnel. This would correspond roughly with the ratio of Negro citizens to others in the City of New York, and would follow the precedent set by WPA and the Home Relief Bureau."

Mrs. E. R. Haynes Gets Appointment From N. Y. Governor

NEW YORK CITY—Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes was recently appointed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman to the Brownell commission for the study of Negroes in the larger urban areas of New York State.

Mrs. Haynes was also recently appointed by the president of the 1939 World's Fair in New York City to Mrs. Vincent Astor's committee on women's participation in the fair. She went on the courtesy air flight for this committee over New York City and the World's Fair grounds. The trip was taken on the planes of the Western Airways.

A member of the executive commitee of the Old Age pension section of the Welfare Council of New York City, Mrs. Haynes has been an active participant in the activities of these various groups.

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North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
August 17, 1937

PLANNING TO HOLD NEGRO STATE FAIR

Negro Legion Post of Raleigh Sponsoring Event for North Carolina

Dates for the first North Carolina State Fair for Negroes, being sponsored by the Charles T. Norwood Post of the American Legion in Raleigh, have been set for October 18-23.

Complete plans have not been made for the fair but officers of the North Carolina Colored State Fair have been named and it is planned to make the fair an exhibition place for the agricultural and creative activities of North Carolina Negroes.

J. W. Alston of Raleigh is president of the Fair organizaiton and other officers are the Rev. C. H. Heath of Wendell, Route 1 ,vice-president; Charles G. Irving of Raleigh, secretary; Van D. Alston of Raleigh, assistant secretary and W. R. Taylor of Raleigh, treasurer.

Asheville, N. C., Citizen
September 18, 1937

COUNTY NEGRO FAIR TO OPEN HERE MONDAY

Five western counties will be represented at the Buncombe county negro agricultural fair which will be held here Monday through Saturday at the Oates park grounds on Southside avenue.

Exhibits of 4-H club boys and girls and adults will be featured at the fair, and a number of cash awards will be given winners in the various exhibits.

Also included on the program will be several addresses, a better babies contest and a cake baking contest.

Negro children of the Buncombe county schools and of schools in Madison and Haywood counties will be given a holiday on Friday in order that they can attend the fair, officials of the fair association announced.

Ahoskie, N. C., Herald
September 23, 1937

Colored Fair At Ahoskie Oct. 12-16

Atlantic District Fair Premium Lists Issued Several Days Ago

The 17th annual Atlantic District Fair for the colored people of eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia will be held at the Ahoskie fair grounds on October 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. J. Eley Reid, Negro leader of Winton, is secretary and manager of the fair.

Premium lists were issued a few days ago and distributed by the manager. Exhibits of field and garden products, canned goods, needlework, poultry and livestock will draw sizeable premiums.

Features of the fair will be a racing program, a midway of shows and rides, displays and exhibits, fireworks and the observance of special occasions such as 4-H club day and farmer's day.

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Windsor, N. C., Advance
September 24, 1937

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Shelby, N. C. Star
October 11, 1937

WORK WELL DONE

The annual Cleveland County Negro fair, concluded Saturday night, deserves the approbation of Cleveland people. Our reference, of course, is to the commendable exhibits in farm produce, home work, canning and preserving, livestock and swine. We do not minimize in the least in pointing out that the fair exhibits represent consistent progress in the achievements of Negro farmers and Negro homemakers in this area.

By contrast with exhibits presented the week before—exhibits that reached a high mark in variety and excellence—the efforts of Negro farmers have an ample field for further expansion. But, to quote officials of the fair, the exhibits were superior to those in any previous year. Negro schools and Negro communities had exhibits that revealed a careful preparation.

The fair was managed and conducted by Negro leaders. An aroused interest in homemaking, improvement of agriculture and diversification through raising of livestock, poultry and swine will go a long way toward improving the economic status of the Negro race in Cleveland. The farmer with a well-stocked granary and smokehouse, ample livestock for his needs and feed to care for them will have less worry ahead this winter in the face of breaking cotton prices.

If the Cleveland Negro fair will provide a stimulus to the Negro citizen to seek improved conditions on his farm, it will continue to be an asset to the county.

Sanford, N. C., Herald
October 13, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS WORK FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

Third Annual Event to Be Held At Lee Training School

NAME COMMITTEES

Plans are being made for the third annual county and community fair at the Lee county training school, it has been announced by Lary Thomas, president of the association. Much interest is being shown in the preparations and activities of committees in charge, he says.

Negro farmers and patrons throughout the county are urged to cooperate in making the third fair the greatest held thus far.

The event will be held at the training school on November 4.

Having charge of arrangements are, Alex Watson, John Shaw, Foster Murchison, Robert Cameron, Lemuel Turner, J. A. Taylor J. R. Rives, Rev. Flakes, Will McIver, Rev. McMillan, Ed Thomas, John McLean, John Stolks and Sam Rives. On the prize committee are Lary Thomas, Will McDonnell, Marsh McIver, Jack McIver, Will McIver, James Palmer, W. B. Wicker, William R. McIver, Tebia Thomas and Samuel Goins.

Greensboro, N. C., Record
October 14, 1937

Agricultural Fair For Negroes to Be Staged Next Week

Greensboro Record News Bureau,
120½ Scales St., Room 18. Telephone 714.

REIDSVILLE, Oct. 14.—The first agricultural fair ever put on by negroes in this section will be held in Reidsville next week with the presentation of the Bi-County Colored Agricultural fair, representing Rockingham and Caswell counties.

This fair will open at the Reidsville fair grounds on Tuesday evening, October 19, and will run through Saturday night, October 23, it was announced by Professor J. A. McRae, superintendent of Reidsville negro schools and secretary-treasurer of the fair association.

This will be the first presentation of what is planned as an annual event. Drawing from a large negro population in the two sponsoring counties and in neighboring counties, officials expect not less than 50,000 patrons to attend the fair during its five nights and four days.

The large exhibit hall will display a variety of booths containing farm, home demonstration club and educational exhibits. Besides the exhibits the fair will offer all the other spectacles of a fair—a midway with shows, rides and concessions and numerous special acts.

Reidsville, N. C. Review
October 15, 1937

Colored Fair Will Be Held Here Next Week

The Bi-County Colored Agricultural Fair, promoted by the forward looking colored citizens of Rockingham and Caswell counties, and scheduled to open on the Reidsville fair grounds next Tuesday evening, October 19, promises a special program of sensational entertainment for every hour of a the five big nights and four big days.

The colored fair, the only exposition of its kind ever held in this section, is planning for this its first annual edition, all of the splendor that makes a fair exciting, together with educational, farm and home exhibits indicating the great progress of the colored citizens of two progressive counties and their neighbors, a midway blazing with the shows, rides and concessions of the Greenland Exposition Shows, and nightly fireworks displays.

The fair officials have mapped out something special for each day. Tuesday evening is the grand opening; Wednesday is school children's day, with all children of school age admitted free, no tickets necessary; Thursday is farmers' day, with stunts and prizes galore, a big special day for the colored farmers of the section; Friday is Amercan Legion and Lucky Strike day, honoring ex-service men and with a special program prepared

by representatives of the local Lucky Strike cigarette plant; and Saturday is home coming day with a grand finale. White people are cordially invited to attend, the fair officials state.

Hold Colored Fair In Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The Western Carolina Fair Association sponsored a colored fair at the Piedmont Park here from October 12 through 16. C. H. Jones was president of the fair.

The first day of the fair was given over to the school children of the city. The ladies had the second day. Music for the dances held each night was furnished by the Pythians Orchestra under the direction of Dr. A. L. Cromwell. Rides, exhibits, platform performances, and horse races featured the fair.

Wilson, N. C., Daily Times
October 20, 1937

RUFFIN'S 4-H CLUB WINS NEGRO JUDGING CONTEST AT FAIR

A check of the records of the Negro section of the Wilson county fair held here recently shows that the 4-H club from Ruffin school was winner in the 4-H club crop judging contest held Thursday under the supervision of R. E. Jones, state 4-H club specialist and C. L. Spellman, local Negro county agent. Jones Hill 4-H club was second and Mitchell school 4-H club was third in the contest. The boys from the Ruffin club, besides making the highest team score of 960 points, also took all the individual prizes for high scores. Aaron Clay and Moses Williams tied for first place in high scoring with 325 points, while James H. Batts, of the same club, made a score of 310 points. This was the first judging contest ever held with the boys and it was highly satisfying to the state club specialist.

The Negro section of the fair this year showed much improvement over the exhibit offered last year. It again taxed the capacity of the space allotted to it. The family of R. L. Mitchell, Route 2, Elm City, was completely represented as exhibitors. Each member of the family had a number of articles on exhibit, and each member of the family won one or more of the prizes offered. For the second straight year, Elenora Mitchell, of this same family, was the most outstanding single exhibitor of the Negro section. This year she won 13 first places and seven second places to become the highest individual winner the Negro section has ever had.

The general improvement of the quality of the exhibits offered at the fair shows that there is much educational value in the work. Special mention must be made in the improvement of the exhibits of corn and sweet potatoes by the men and boys. A much larger exhibit and greater variety of vegetables was on display in the women's canning division. The vegetable canning exhibit represented a special project which the county agent has pushed for the past two seasons. At this fair a new division of the cooking work of the women was offered. In it the women presented a great variety of cakes and breads from their ovens.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Advance
November 1, 1937

Snowden Negroes To Put on Fair

Superintendent F. B. Aycock to Make the Address of Occasion

Snowden, Nov. 1. — Plans are gradually taking shape for the annual Negro community fair to be held at Currituck County Training School on N. C. highway 34 four tenths of a mile north of Sligo on November 18-19, according to James A. Brown, agriculture teacher for the school.

"We are planning," says Brown, "to have exhibits in field crops, horticulture, livestock, livestock products, home economics, including canning, sewing and art. Also we are planning and placing special emphasis on a live at home exhibit.

"A recreational program is included in the plans for the fair, featuring a basketball game, a volley ball game and various stunts.

"On November 19 at 2:30 we plan a special program in the school auditorium to hear an address from County Superintendent F. B. Aycock with responses by leading Negro farmers. Seats will be reserved for white friends who have been helpful in putting the fair over.

"Cash and commodity donations to insure an attractive premium list are solicited from interested friends in Moyock and Elizabeth City and in Currituck at large. A list of the contributors will appear on the program passed out during the fair."

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South Carolina

Aiken, S. C., Standard & Review
September 22, 1937

COLORED FARM LEADERS MEET

Made Plans for Community Fair To Be Held November 20

On the evening of September 15, 1937, the Ocean Grove farm leaders met with a spirit of enthusiasm for a Community Fair. The group voted the date of the fair to be November 20, 1937. George T. Dowdy Farm Agent of Aiken County was elected to serve as president. Wilson Burris was elected Director of Live Stock exhibits. Advertising committee elected:

Reddy Burris, Chairman, Ocean Grove section; Homer Burris, Hayden section; Rev. Fells, Clearwate section; Arthur Blocker, Round Top section.

It was decided that farmers from other communities may bring exhibits. Further plans are to be made in the next meeting to make the Ocean Grove Fair a success.

Farm Notes

Although the weather has been bad the farmers are making rapid progress in harvesting their various crops. They are being carefully advised not to gin wet or damp cotton. Some farmers are making plans and preparation to plant winter cover crops. It is hoped that many farmers consider doing the same.

Spartanburg, S. C. Journal
October 5, 1937

NEGRO BOYS TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Entry List Announced for Clubbers

Exhibits in the negro 4-H boys' club department of the Spartanburg county fair next week have been announced by W. C. Bunch, superintendent.

Money prizes ranging from $2 for first place to $1 for fifth place will be awarded in the following corn exhibits:

Best ten ears white, ten ears prolific, ten ears yellow, best peck of white shelled, yellow shelled, best peck home-ground grits, home-ground grits (yellow), best ground meal (yellow), best five stalks of white eared corn, five stalks prolific and five stalks of yellow.

Prizes will be given for best two stalks of upland cotton and best half bushel of cotton seed.

In the peanut group, awards will be given for best bushel of Spanish nuts and best half bushel of large variety.

Potato club prizes are offered for best half bushel of Porto Rico sweet potatoes, half bushel Nancy Hill sweet potatoes, half bushel Lookout Mountain, and best half bushel of Cobbler potatoes.

Five awards will be made in each of the above exhibits. The cash awards range from $1.50 for first place to 50 cents for fifth place.

Two $1 cash prizes will be given for the best dozen Rhode Island and Leghorn eggs.

In the meat and lard exhibits will be prizes for best hams, shoulders, middlings and lard.

Greenville, S. C. News
October 19, 1937

County Negro Fair Is Opened At Reedy Fork

Featuring exhibits of a numerous variety of farm products, the Greenville county colored fair opened its 1937 season yesterday at Reedy Fork. The fair will run through Saturday

33rd Annual Exhibition Announced by the State Colored Fair Association

Educational, Instructive and Recreational With Live-At-Home Program. Features

The thirty-third annual State Colored Fair will swing wide its gates, at the State Fair ground October 25 to 30th, under the leadership of Dr. A. J. Collins, President; Mr. A. P. Harper, vice Pres.; Mr J E. Dickson, Secretary Mr. J. B. Williams, Treasurer and Mrs. C. A. Garrett, Superintendent, assisted by the following Board of Directors: Messrs. J.M. Miller. William Wallace, S. R. Hunter, T. F. Friday, Henry S. Stanley, H. B. Butler, S. J. Dunlap, W R. Reeder, Atty. N. J Frederick, Mr. D. R. Starks and Mrs Stella Jenkins.

The State Fair will be a huge success according to the report of the Secretary this morning. He states that the Fair this year will be educational, instructive, as well as recreational and that a live-at-home program will be featured through the agricultural exhibits arranged in the steel building this year.

The Fair Officials are making elaborate arrangements for your entertainment this year and are appealing to every man, woman and child in South Carolina to cooperate to help make this 1937 Fair the greatest in the history of any previous Fair.

The exhibits this year will be of a higher type because the Secreary is urging all exhibitors to select only the best to be placed on exhibition.

There will be ample amusement for the entertainment of the entire family. The Kause United Shows will bring one of the largest carnivals that has ever been shown at the State Fair. They will have an illuminated midway filled with all classes of interesting amusements; consisting of rides, shows free acts and concessions of all description. COME and bring the entire family and prepare to spend the entire week.

Wednesday, October 27th will be "Farmers" day and a program will be arranged at 12 noon by the Richland County Agent.

Thursday will be College Day at which time Allen University vs. Morris College of Sumter, S. C., will play one of the tighest battles on the gridiron that has ever been witnessed at the State Fair. Don't miss it.

Friday will be High School Day The undefeated champuions of South Carolina. Booker T. Washington of Columbia will meet the challenger Mather Academy of Camden, S. C., in one of the toughest high school football games ever played by high school teams in South Carolina. We are expecting to see you here.

Saturday the Fair will close and all premiums will be paid at the Secretary's office at the State Fair ground.

Remember the Date, OCTOBER 25th to 30th.

For further information write,

J. E. DICKSON, Sec.

P. O. Box 992. Columbia. S. C.

South Carolinians Open State Fair

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 1.—(ANP)—Last Monday's clear, warm weather attracted a record crowd to the opening of the thirty-third annual state Negro Fair, at the State Fair grounds, the big evening program featuring free acts and band concerts furnished by Krause United Shows. President A. J. Collins, and Secretary J. E. Dickson, fair officials, said the exhibits and the midway this year exceed those of past years.

In the big exhibition hall, fifty booths were filled with displays of various 4-H clubs, especial corn exhibit, a sugar and sweet potato exhibit, exhibitions of canning, handicraft and farm products of Lexington, Richland, and other counties. There were also a number of commercial and community booths and still others reserved for state home demonstration activities, the state forestry, national forestry and thes tate highways displays.

Krause United Shows had ten rides, fifteen different shows, and fifty concessions on the colorful midway. Wednesday was farmers' and rural day; Thursday, college day; Friday, high school day; when all the students and teachers of Richland County and Columbia are given a holiday, featuring the annual football game between Mather Academy Camden and Booker Washington High, Columbia.

The paying of premius was held on Saturday, preceding the annual directors' meeting. The stockholders held their annual meeting Wednesday at Masonic Hall.

Anderson S. C., Independent Trib
November 11, 1937

NEGRO FAIR EXHIBITS SHOW PROGRESS AND ENTERPRISE

Wednesday morning the Fair of the negroes was opened to the public, occupying the large tent which was used for the Women's Division of the Anderson Fair. This tent was filled with the most creditable results of the work of a year showing progress and enterprise.

However, the women are taking the lead in all exhibits, the men seem to have been left behind, it is up to them to keep apace with the women. There is only two individual agricultural exhibits, both by women farmers.

Minnie Baynes, whose farm is near Boscobel, has something of everything a well regulated farm should have, and her booth has attracted much attention, and goes to show what a woman can, and does do. She has 45 acres in her farm eight of these are planted in cotton, the remainder in corn, and food stuffs, with a good portion in soil building crops. She saves seed fr the next year's crop, and conserves in every way.

"You don't have to buy anything but coffee and sugar, do you?' Minnie was asked, and her reply was that she doesn't have to buy all of her coffee, for she raises a coffee bean, when dried and parched, then ground it has a decided coffee flavor. And the syrup made from sugar cane is so clear that it can be used for sugar. So there you are! A farmer who raises all food stuffs for a family on a one-horse farm.

A daughter of Minnie, Emily Go et, also has an individaul exhibi of farm products, showing that she has inherited her mother's ability and energy.

CANNED GOODS

In the canned goods department it seems that everything has been conserved and preserved, all kinds of friuts, and vegetables of every variety. Mrs. J. R. Shelor, who heads this department of the Anderson Fair, was a judge of the canned goods, and she stated that they were perfect and fine specimens. These are found at the right of the big tent.

On the left are the school exhibits. The schools of the country are taking the lead, and show that good work is being done in rural districts. Their work of the Northside school demands special emphasis. Maps of the United States are made of pulp and saw-dust. Every state is clearly defined, with its agricultural products, even the fish which inhabit the coastal sections are given. This is certainly educational.

AGRICULTURAL

E. P. Josey and R. E. Campbell were judges of the agricultural display and poultry. The agricultural products are in sacks, and there are many of them shown. Cotton has a place, and many stalks with plentiful bolls occupied a prominent place.

NEEDLEWORK

Quilts of every kind and description are displayed. Starr design Tree, Dresden, and many others Dresses and aprons are emphasized, with embroidered scarfs and handwork of many varieties, Mrs Henry McFall, Mrs. Jim Sullivan superintendents of the Women's Division of the Anderson Fair, Mrs A. W. Kay and Mrs. E. B. Drew were judging. They also gave the ribbons for the best articles of the Thrift Department.

There were cakes of many varieties, also pies, cookies and candies, of which Miss Minnie Wilson head of this department of the Anderson Fair, was the judge.

W. C. T. U. POSTERS

There are many Temperance posters from schools shown. Northside winning four prizes, with S. Fant second. In the rural schools Deer Creek and the Center school, of Iva, were considered the best by the judges, who were Mrs. J. M. Bigham, Miss Olivia Duckett and Mrs. C. McC. Patrick. Mrs. Crossland, president of the W. C. T. U. was also present.

MISSIONARY

Missionary societies have a part in this Fair. The P. T. A. and the Red Cross are also represented. The latter by a society of Fant street which have for their work the caring for the sick and poor among the negro race, giving clothes, medicine and practical nursing for those in need. This society was organized by Dora Ross, a nurse, and Azalee Harris is president.

OFFICERS

Officers of the negro fair association are A. A. Thompson, president, W. I. Peek, manager, and J A. Gresham, secretary.,

LAWRENCE SHOWS

The Lawrence Shows are providing entertainment along the Midway. They have a ferris wheel, and other rides, as well as several tents, and are well patronized.

Chester, S. C., Reporter
November 15, 1937

THE COLORED FAIR.

The annual Chester County Colored Fair will be in progress all of this week at the Chester County Fair Grounds.

The Association, which has the Fair in charge, has arranged what it regards as the best fair in its history, with many attractive features, and will appreciate the public's hearty support.

Colored Fair Proved Success

Leading Agricultural Speakers Interest Group

By Geo. T. Dowdy, Negro County Farm Agent Aiken

The Ocean Grove Annual Community Fair staged its smooth and abundant exhibits to the largest group ever in its history. The Ocean Grove Fair ground is situated in the farming district of Aiken county with three undulating acres of oaks, pine trees and a few flowers endowed with the richest beauties of nature. This view commands a sweeping panorama of cotton and corn fields with encircling woods endowed at present with a variety of beautiful colors. Speakers in the main on this occasion were specialists in agriculture. The first speaker on the occasion Mr. A. H. Ward, District Extension Agricultural Agent stressed six important points. He carefully related, and vividly analyzed the significance of conserving the following things: Conserve the forest, wild life, community spirit, our health, our homes, and our soils. He says: "If we do not need most of these things at present, we must not be reluctant in conserving them, for if we do generations to come with your families will suffer." Mr. Monson Morris, who is extensively known in the agricultural field for his modern farming practices, spoke on the change this county must make to increase the standard of living. He emphasized the fact that poultry can be successfully raised in this county, and until this is done in a cooperative way, other methods used to realize gross profit on the farm will be of no avail. Mr. Monson Morris is so interested in the growth of the spirit in 4-H work among Negroes that he offered and awarded himself $5.00 to the 4-H boy who displayed the best pig. Booker T. Burris won that worthwhile prize; he will enlarge upon his pig project next year.

Mr. H. A. Woodle, county farm agent spoke encouraging on cooperation. Mr. W. S. Corley, assistant district Extension Agent addressed the group with interesting remarks admonishing them to 'make the best better." Mr. H. E. Daniels, Negro Extension Agricultural Agent outlined the laxity of the state to wake up and realize the advantage it has over other states in the union to grow crops the year round. The State of South Carolina can grow a wide variety of crops in abundance that the nation demands. Other noted speakers who spoke on the occasion were: Miss Rosa Reed, Negro Home Demonstration Agent Allendale County; Mr. J. D. Marshall, Negro County Farm Agent Bamberg County; Mr. Franklin Hickson, Farmer and Agriculture teacher, Aiken; Mr. Amos L. Gunter, farmer, Aiken and Rev. E. F. Fields, farmer, Aiken. Among the smooth and high grade exhibits shown at the fair, both farm and some exhibits a variety of modern farm implements were on display which revealed in a measure the enormous strides made in human conveniences since the elements were first harnessed. With the continued cooperation of the farmers and co-worker Miss M.M. McKissick, Negro Home Demonstration Agent, the fair is expected to move onward into a county fair.

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Tennessee.

NEGRO TRI-STATE FAIR TO LAST THREE DAYS

Commercial Appeal 9-12-37

Exhibits To Feature Live-At-Home Program

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Clarkesville, Tenn., Leaf-Chronicle
September 17, 1937

COLORED FAIR IS CALLED OFF

Lack of Housing Accommodations Causes Cancelation of Event

Being unable to find possible housing accommodations, the Montgomery County Colored Fair Association was forced to cancel its 1937 County wide 4-H club fair program and exhibition, tentatively scheduled for October 15 and 16, with the farm, home and school cooperating.

Hundreds of colored farm families throughout Montgomery County and many in the City of Clarksville had prepared outstanding exhibits for the 1937 fair.

"The thrift, industry and pride developed among the 4-H club boys and girls as a result of open competition and the many educational values of our 1936 fair are not to be debated, they are evident facts and are to be found demonstrated upon the farms and in the farm homes of our colored citizens throughout Montgomery County," J. R. Branham, Colored agent, said. If such a worthy cause as our colored fair is to be continued down through the years to come, its greatest problems now existing must be solved, namely housing accommodations and location. As is seen at present the solution to such problems are to be definitely solved only through a united effort of all of the colored citizens of Montgomery County and the city of Clarksville thinking in terms of and working in terms of establishing permanent grounds and housing accommodations for such a program and exhibition as a County Fair."

"Such a project no doubt could be designed so as to solve many other recreational and athletic problems of the colored citziens of Montgomery County and the City of Clarksville. It is with the greatest of hope and desires of the Montgomery County Colored Fair Association that a permanent location may be established and it is with this view in mind as a solution that we appeal to all of the citizens of Montgomery County and Clarksville for their loyal support and cooperation."

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Courier
September 10, 1937

Oct. 21-23 Dates For Negro Fair

Will Feature Pagent of Progress

The Rutherford county Colored Fair will be held Oct. 21, 22, and 23.

The Negro fair was originally scheduled for Sept. 16, 17 and 18, but was postponed in order to permit further preparations for the event.

The main feature of the fair, according to Dr. James R. Patterson, secretary of the fair association, will be a Pagent of Progress. The pagent will show the rise of the Negro Race from the days of slavery to the present time.

There will be fireworks each night of the fair and free attractions in addition to a carnival, Dr. Patterson said.

The Negro schools of the county will enter exhibits in the fair. The fair association Thursday requested all schools to make their exhibitions as large as possible.

Preston Scales, who is president of the Colored Fair Association, has requested that agricultural exhibits be entered in the event and has asked the cooperation of clubs in Rutherford county in the Pagent of Progress.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
September 12, 1937

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Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
September 20, 1937

TRI-STATE FAIR TO OPEN TODAY; SHOWS ARRIVE

Midway to Be in Operation by Afternoon—Exhibits All in Place.

SOIL TESTED AT BOOTH

Judging of Farm Products to Be Continued Tomorrow and Wednesday.

Gates of the Chattanooga Tri-State fair will open this morning with all in readiness for a record-breaking week of festivities for farmers and city dwellers of the Chattanooga area. Exhibits have been set up and the main amusement attraction, the Rubin and Cherry midway, arrived last night with prospects of having all the shows in full operation by this afternoon.

Speaking for J. A. Darnaby, fair manager, Mrs. A. T. Atwood, secretary of the fair association, announced last night that judging of the various exhibits of handiwork and farm products will continue tomorrow, although some of the awards already have been announced.

Soil-Testing Booth Feature.

An unusual exhibit will be a soil-testing booth, which is expected to interest farmers. Through the co-operation of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway and the University of Tennessee and the fair association, arrangements have been made for an educational feature under the direction of J. A. Senter, industrial agent for the railway. J. Huse Martin, assistant county agent in soil conservation, will be in the booth to explain the exhibit. The exhibit will feature by exhibits the value of lime phosphate and legumes in soil conservation.

The booth will be equipped with soil-testing material and farmers who wish may have soil tested if they will bring samples to the booth. Mr. Martin will make the tests and show the results in the demonstrations.

The booth will keep a supply of bulletins issued by the state and federal governments which will be distributed to visitors. In taking samples of soil from the fields, farmers are told by W. J. Forbess they should collect a tablespoonful of each sample from the top six inches of soil. This should be dried by air before testing. Two or three samples should be taken from each field containing from one to five acres. Each sample should be plainly labeled as to where it was taken. Samples may be mailed to Mr. Forbess at the fair grounds.

The booth is located in the agricultural building back of the grandstand.

This is but one of the many new displays that will be seen at the fair this year. An unusually large poultry show is being staged, in which a number of fine fancy birds will be shown, the property of O. W. Egleston, of Florida. The rabbit show will be housed in the same tent and a large tent has been erected opposite the swimming pool, where the cattle show will be held.

In former years the cattle barns were off the main roads in the park and for that reason were overlooked by many. This year it has a prominent location along the main walk. Agriculture will also be displayed differently and more attractively this year In this building natural fruits and vegetables will form the background for the displays.

The women's building, with Mrs Joe Curtis in charge, will feature all kinds of handwork, including sewing rug making, quilts, canning and cooking. Both women and girls will compete for prizes.

The Future Farmers of America will have a display, as will the 4-H club boys and girls. Counties making up the Chattanooga district are expected to have agricultural exhibits on which prizes will be awarded. The flower show, with Mrs. Herman Ferger president of the Chattanooga Federated Garden Clubs, is expected to be outstanding.

The Negro exhibit, which has been placed in the pavilion east of the main walk, will be larger than last year and will feature manual training cooking, sewing and canning.

Those co-operating with the fair management in staging the expositior include the chamber of commerce agricultural committee, W. G. Foster chairman; Hamilton County Farm bureau, C. G. Acuff, president; Country Woman's club, Mrs. Laura Champion president, and the Federation of Garden Clubs Mrs. Ferger, president.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
September 21, 1937

HOLIDAYS TO BE GIVEN FOR NEGRO EXPOSITION

Tri-State Colored Fair Program Drafted

Negro schools will close Friday to allow children to attend the Tri-State Colored Fair, Dr. L. D. Patterson, manager, announced yesterday. The Fisher Body plant will give all negro employes a holiday Saturday so they may attend, he said.

The health section of the fair will include a baby show, and talks on pre-natal and post-natal care, first aid and disease prevention.

Covington, Brownsville and Somerville are sending entries in the agricultural and home-making sections, Dr. Patterson declares, in addition to all communities in Shelby County.

The entertainment program will include many novel features, free

acts and a concert in front of the grandstand by Carl Dixon's orchestra Friday and Saturday afternoon, with matinee dancing from 4 until 7 o'clock.

David Dudlah, slingshot expert, who calls himself the modern William Tell, will be a principal feature. Dudlah's main stunt is to shoot three electric light bulbs off the head of his girl assistant at a distance of 20 feet. He will also exhibit his prowess as a rifle marksman, breaking marbles in the air. He will give a daily performance.

Jackson, Tenn. Sun
September 21, 1937

Races-Exhibits Draw Crowds To Colored Fair

Agricultural and Mechanical Exposition in Full Sway Today

Fast harness races, mule races, livestock, poultry and agricultural exhibits at the Madison County Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association are drawing large crowds of colored citizens. The fair was formally opened Monday and all exhibits and displays were in place today.

The carnival company has arrived and the shows and rides are in full operation and are being heavily patronized. Vaudeville acts are being presented in front of the big grandstand and on the midway as special attractions.

Several days this week are set aside as special days and children will attend as guests of the association one day when the schools will be closed.

Clarkesville, Tenn., Leaf-Chronicle
October 4, 1937

COLORED FAIR WINNERS NAMED

Corn Show Was Voted Most Outstanding of Community Event

The colored 4-H club and adult community fair which was held at Kelleysville Friday, was an outstanding success according to John Branham, agent. More than 200 entries were received from various communities of Montgomery County. Competition was keen and interest high among club members. There were 65 cash awards given away for outstanding products.

The corn show was voted most outstanding exhibition of the fair. Four hundred choice ears of Jarvis Golden Prolific., Neals Paymaster, Silver Mine, Tennessee Red Cob Hickory King corn were on display with championship awards going to Jarvis Golden Prolific of the yellow varieties and to Tennessee Red cob of the white. Bessie Walton, assistant state agent in Negro Home Demonstration Work and W. H. Williamson, assistant state agent in Negro County Agent Work, were present and judged the products, and praised the work highly. Educational lectures were given on the judging of all products and the demonstration on soil conservation, orcharding, live-at-home plan and the use of the hygrometer in fire curing of tobacco.

The list of prize winners are as follows: Jarvis Golden Prolific Corn, Lonnie Dortch, first, Robert R. Thacker, second, Philip Bowen, third: White varieties: Lonnie Dortch, first, Charles Clardy, second, Robert Outlaw, third; Popcorn: Charley Martin, first, James L. Charley Martin, first, Lonnie Dortch, second, Rev. L. Grant, third; Sweet Potatoes, Austin Carney 1st, James L. House, second, Buck Bell, third; Lesley Martin, third; Peanuts: Buck Bell, first, Austin Carney, second Odis Martin, third; Wheat: Alonzo Norfleet, first, Lonnie Dortch second; Hay: Alonzo Norfleet, first Pears: Alonzo Norfleet, first, James L. House. Jr., second, Shad Martin, Jr., third; Apples: Joseph T. Keesee, first, Philip Bowen, second, Alean Dortch, third; Turnips: first, George Blair, second, Odis Martin; Dried Peas: Loretta Fentress, first, George Blair, second; Green Beans: Louise Nolen, first, Helen Carmell, second, Georgie Blair, third; Water Melons: Sterlin Lisenbee, first, Robert Moody, second; Pumpkins: Charley Fentree first, S. L. Neblett, second, Virgil Wimberly, third; Kusha: Louis Nolen, first, Odie Pace, second, J. H. Brenson, third; Sorghum Eddie Scott, first, Robert Moody second; Pepper: Mary Francis Bradley, first, Dotress Collins, second Ada Garrad, third; Beets Ada Garrad, first. Burley Tobacco: Frank Williams, first, Lonnie Dortch, second; Dark: Edwin Guerin, first.

Best display of canned goods Georgie Blair, first, Rosetta Martin second, Loretta Fentress, third Dried Fruit: Mary D. Carney, first Stanley Wilkerson, second, Georgie Blair, third; Candy: Rosetta Martin, first; Cakes: Rosetta Martin first, Georgie Blair, second, Emma Martin, third; Best display of needle work: Loretta Fentress, first, Alean Dortch, second; Home-made Soap: Lorine Wimberly, first, Pauline Dunbar, second, Birdie Kyser, third; Potted Flowers: Mary Scott, first. Georgie Blair, second.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
October 16, 1937

Athens to Hold Twin County Fair With Doors to Open Next Monday

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

ATHENS, Tenn., Oct. 15.—The Twin-County fair, regularly incorporated by the state, will open its gates at the McMinn High school ball park here next Monday for a one-week stand.

It will be the first week-long fair ever held in Athens. The incorporators are W. R. Cooke, T. B. Mayfield, Jr., James G. Willson, W. D. Hitch and Fred E. Wankan. Cooke is president of the fair association.

Many varied contests are planned, with a large number of cash prizes and ribbons being offered. Special prizes will be given school and community exhibits.

The program calls for entry of all exhibits except live stock and flower show exhibits Monday before 4 p.m. The gates will be officially opened at 5 p.m. and on each of the following days at 9:30 a.m.

Other features are:

Tuesday—Flower show in McMinn County High school gymnasium. Judging of flowers at 4 p.m. Baby show on fair grounds at 3:30 p.m. Mothers will enter babies with Mrs. Glenn A. Bell. Hog calling contest at 8 p.m. on fair grounds.

Wednesday—Community day and Athens day. Communities will be greeted at their booths by Athens people. A "live baby" will be given away on the fair grounds at 8 p.m.

Thursday—Etowah, Riceville, Calhoun, Niota, Englewood, Decatur, Polk county and Monroe county day. Old fiddlers contest. Negro chorus singers. Colored day.

Friday—School day for McMinn and Meigs county, live stock and poultry day. Parade of live stock at 3:30 p.m. Parade of schools from Athens square to fair grounds, headed by the McMinn and Meigs county school boards; singing contests between schools; Tennessee Wesleyan college - Hiwassee football game; a wedding to be performed by Judge J. J. Ward, chairman of the McMinn county court. Prizes will be given by business houses to the couple.

Saturday—This will be McMinn-Meigs day and CCC day. A special feature will be the cur dog and tom or tabby cat parade, with boys and girls under 15 and their pets on the midway. The fair queen will be crowned at 11 o'clock, with a free trip to New Orleans as a prize.

Columbia, Tenn., Daily Herald
October 19, 1937

Community Fair At Macedonia's Colored School

A community fair under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Macedonia Colored School was held at the school building Friday and the display of industrial work done by the pupils of the school was very good.

Games of baseball and softball were enjoyed. A military drill by some of the boys of the Macedonia school under the direction of Sol W. Blair was also enjoyed by all present. Several bugle selections were given by Alvin Butler.

Center Star, Spring Hill, Harlan, Rocky Glade and Godwin were the schools taking part.

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Texas.

Resent Barring Of 'Hall Of Negro Life' From Exposition

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 11—(ANP)—Following the "rush instructions" to begin dismantling of the famous Hall of Negro Life at the recent Texas Centennial Exposition and the public announcement that there would be no Negro exsibit at this year's Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition, citizens here are up in arms against the apparent duplicity or laxity which has resulted in the Negro race's being barred from participation in the big exposition to be held this summer.

Failure on the part of the Negro Advisory Committee or administrative staff to make a public statement as to the occasion for discontinuing the Hall of Negro Life as a part of Negro participation in the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition for 1937 has not suppressed conflicting rumors.

Clarify Situation

A committee led by Dr. R. T. Hamilton, prominent Negro physician of Dalls, in order to get an authenticated statement, had a conference with Mr. Frank McNeny. In this conference, the committee was told that in the earlier part of December, Mr. W. B.Yeager, the executive secretary of the United States Centennial Commission, had made a request that the Central State Commission take over the Negro building. Speaking for Mr. McNeny, Assistant Director General Frank N. Watson wrote the following under date of February 2: "The officials of the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition of Dallas regret as much as the colored people themselves that the Hall of Negro Life cannot be maintained as a separate entity during 1937." Not succeeding, he is alleged to have made the same proffer to the Park Board of Dallas.

This was done before the Commission, consisting of Vice President Garner, Secretaries Wallace, Hull and Roper, had a chance to meet and react to the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for future participation. It is also charged that neither the chairman of the advisory committee nor any of its other members were interviewed or consulted by the executive secretary of the Centennial Commission before these representations were made to the local officials or before he made his report or recommendations to the Commission.

Advisory Committee

The advisory committee consists of the following persons: Eugene Kinckle Jones, chairman; Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Robert L. Vann, W. R. Banks, F. D. Patterson, Dr. M. O. Bousfield, Garnet C. Wilkinson, Dr. Robert C. Weaver, David M. Grant and Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom.

suppressed conflicting rumors. It is alleged that information has been received from Chairman Eugene Kinckle Jones of the Advisory Committee to the effect that a request had been made by officials of the Texas Central Centennial Commission for the space occupied by the Hall of Negro Life to erect a Pan-American building to house exhibits from Central and South America. It now develops that exhibits from these countries are to be housed in the building formerly used by the Ford Motor Company.

BARRING NEGRO HALL FROM '37 FAIR RESENTED

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Suffolk, Va., News-Herald
August 25, 1937

NEGRO JUDGE TO SPEAK AT STATE FAIR IN SUFFOLK

Judge Edward Henry, Of Philadelphia, on Education Day Program; Catalogues Out

The premium book and catalogue of the 28th annual fair of the Tidewater Fair Association, to be held in Suffolk October 19-22, inclusive, is being distributed today.

The booklet, a 48-page catalogue, is well-filled with advertising and carried a complete program of the four days and nights of the fair week as well as a premium list.

The Tidewater Fair, advertised as "The Great Negro State Fair," is endorsed by the state department of agriculture as the colored state fair and is receiving the co-operation of Virginia colleges for Negroes and of vocational agriculture groups throughout Virginia.

The fair association offers a long prize list with special contests for 4-H and Vocational groups as well as the open competition for the fair exhibition in agriculture, livestock and home classes.

Horse racing will be held each day over the fairgrounds track. The program includes trotting, pacing and free-for-all races.

The fair will open on Tuesday, October 19 with a special program designating the day as "Farmer's Day." The second day will be known as "Achievement Day," with special emphasis on 4-H Club and vocational training. Thursday will be "Homecoming Day," while the final day wil be known as "School Children's Day."

There will be speaking programs and conferences each day of the fair. The high spot of the week, forensically, will be the address of Judge Edward W. Henry, of the magistrate's courts, Philadelphia, one of the nation's few Negro judges. Judge Henry's address will be delivered at the grandstand on Friday. He will be introduced by James A. Jackson, listed as a representative of the Standard Oil Co., of New York.

The Tidewater fair, while appealing to Negroes throughout Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina, is managed and controlled almost entirely by Suffolk citizens. P. E. Winfield, president, is the only association officer not a resident of Suffolk or Nansemond. Winfield is a resident of nearby Smithfield.

Records Go As Tidewater Fair Closes

Well-Known Speakers On Program of Suffolk Fair

Journal and Guide

SUFFOLK, Va. — The twenty-eighth annual fair of the Tidewater Fair Association was brought to a close here Friday with the observance of Educational Day at which hundreds of persons in attendance were told of "Crime Among Negroes in Virginia."

Principal speaker for the occasion, which brought to an end four dayes of sustained activity, was Archdeacon B. W. Harris of the Southern Virginia Diocese, and rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk. Archdeacon Harris was introduced by the Rev. M. B. Birchette, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Portsmouth.

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Beginning on Tuesday, October 19, the Suffolk Fair this year was said to have been attended by the largest crowds in its 28 years' history. Although there were no livestock exhibits this year the displays of art work, farm produce, canned goods, floral decorations, and other products attracted wide attention.

Fast harness races were held under the rules of the National Trotting Association each day from 2:30 to 5 p. m. In addition free acts, band concerts, goat races and fireworks each night, were offered to entertain the capacity crowds.

LARGE CROWDS ON THURSDAY

By far the largest crowds of the week attended the fair on Thursday which was known as Homecoming Day at which the guest speaker was the Honorable Edward W. Henry, judge of the Magistrate Court, Philadelphia, and grand treasurer of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order Elks of the World.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Hampton Institute Band under the direction of William Tessman. The Homecoming Day celebration on Thursday followed the observance of Achievement Day for 4-H Club Workers on Wednesday at which a five-county contest was held with county and local clubs entered in the competition. The welcome address was delivered by A. G. Baker, president of the Silver Spring Club.

C. W. Luke, president of the Farmers Conference, was the principal speaker on the opening day of the fair when the agricultural farmers meeting was held at one o' clock. The farmers of Nansemond County were represented by Howard Reid, county agent.

Introduced by James A. Jackson, special representative of the Standard Oil Company on Thursday, Judge Henry cited the appointment of Justice Hugo Black to the United States Supreme Court, the trend toward Communism in some quarters, the fact that thousands of persons are dependent upon the government for relief, the existence of "wars and rumors of wars," and other present day factors, as reasons for concern on the part of American Negroes.

CRISIS IS HERE

"The crisis is here," Judge Henry declared, "and we must meet it like good citizens, with forbearance and patience and with faith in God.

"We have much to be thankful for, but much must still be done. What we have built must be built stronger; what has already been accomplished must be taken in stride, and what we hope to do or become, must be approached carefully and prayerfully," he asserted.

The magnitude of the Tidewater Fair, "inspired by the spirit of those who attend," Judge Henry viewed as encouraging. "It's encouraging and we need encouragement in these trying days of wars and rumors of wars, and strained economic times," the speaker said.

"What are we coming to when young men and women of our race, who are college-trained and who have had all the best advantages, turn to Communism and other extremely radical beliefs?" he asked. "We have much to ponder when there are thousands of Americans living on the dole and depending entirely upon the government for their subsistence.

ATTACKS JUSTICE BLACK

"We have much to think about when the President of the United States appoints to the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States a man who openly admits that he was once a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

"In my opinion Justice Black's confession that he was once a member of the Klan, but is no longer affiliated with that hated body, is like a man who is on trial for murder and who says to a judge and jury 'Yes I killed a man, but I won't kill anyone else, so I think you should let me go free.'

"Here we have the very disturbing spectacle of a man who took an oath in Alabama many years ago to uphold the subversive oath of the Ku Klux Klan on the one hand, and on the other hand who took a sacred oath as a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. It simply boils itself down to the question of which oath he will respect and uphold. According to the principles and briefs of the Ku Klux Klan, once a klansman, always a klansman."

Invocation at Thursday's program was offered by the Rev. C. L. Evans, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Suffolk. W. H. Land, Norfolk attorney and official starter for the races, spoke brief words of welcome.

A partial list of awards made at the fair is as follows:

FARM PRODUCE

Bunch Peanuts, first, William Goode, Sussex County. Reid's Yellow Corn, first, William Jones, Sussex County. Boone County corn, first, W. Brown, Sussex. Sweepstakes (best exhibit) Benjamin Lucas, Sussex. Soy Beans, first, Charlie Ruffin, Sussex County. Porto Rican Potatoes, first, Curtis Bowman, Isle of Wight County.

Jumbo Peanuts, first, Arthur Lawrence, Nansemond County. Virginia Runners, first, Herman Baker, Nansemond County. Irish Cobbler potatoes, first O. G. Baker, Nansemond County. Hayman Potatoes, same.

Cotton (lint) first, Arthur Langston, Nansemond. Nancy Hall pototles, first, Samuel Wooden, Prince George County. Spanish peanuts, first, Charlie Jones, Prince George County. .. .. .

SCHOOL EXHIBITS

First Awards, Holland County Training School, East Suffolk Graded School, Hobson Graded School. Second awards: Isle of Wight Training School, Easter Graded School, Oakland School. Third, Exchange School. Manning Home Demonstration Club. second.

The winners in all classes of farm products were as follows:

PEANUTS

Bunch (Virginia.: first, Archer Williams, Sussex County; second, W. E. Jones, Sussex County; third, Richard Evanson, Sussex County.

Runners (Virginia): 1st, Herman Baker, Nansemond;; 2nd, Paul Evanson, Sussex; 3rd, Howard Wilson, Southampton.

Jumbo: 1st, Arthur Lawrence, Nansemond; 2nd, P. D. Vann, Southampton; 3rd, John Baker, Nansemond.

Spanish: 1st, Charles Jones, Prince George; 2nd. Herbert Blow, Sussex; 3rd, Clifton Pettieway, Prince George;

CORN

Boone County: 1st, Wilbur Brown, Sussex; 2nd, Arthur Almond, Isle of Wight; 3rd, Charles Brown, Isle of Wight.

White Dent: 1st, Benjamin Lucas, Sussex; 2nd, John Ruffin, Sussex; 3rd, Paul Evanson, Sussex.

Reid's Yellow Dent; 1st, William Jones, Sussex; 2nd, Lawson Urquhart, Sussex; 3rd, Clifton Pettieway, Prince George.

SWEET POTATOES

Haymans: 1st, Herman Baker, Nansemond; 2nd, James Williams, Nansemond; 3rd, John Baker, Nansemond.

Nancy Hall: 1st, Samuel Wooden, Prince George; 2nd, Lacey Wooden, Prince George; 3rd, Bennie Wooden, Prince George.

Porto Rico: 1st, Curtis Brown, Isle of Wight; 2nd, Whittaker Bowman, Isle of Wight; 3rd, Warren Freeman, Nansemond.

WHITE POTATOES

Irish Cobbler: 1st, O. G. Baker, Nansemond; 2nd, S. T. Daughtry, Nansemond;; 3rd, McCoy Hunter, Nansemond.

Green Mountain: 1st, James Chambliss, Sussex.

Lint Cotton: 1st, Arthur Langston, Nansemond; 2nd, Clifton Pettieway, Prince George; 3rd, Herbert Blow, Sussex.

Soy Beans for Hay: 1st, Charlie Ruffin, Sussex; 2nd, Langston Graves, Sussex; 3rd, Woodrow Lawrence, Nansemond.